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DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the requirement against the availability of water terminals, water ports and sea ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether such facilities in India are relatively less in comparison to developed countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor including the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and also to utilise the entire potential of the Ganga;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend facilities/concessions to make this sector economically viable for investment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with projects initiated and completed under the Public and Private Partnership (PPP) mode including the total investment made on such projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Shipping has formulated a perspective Plan for development of the Maritime Sector, namely. "The Maritime Agenda (2010-2020). This Plan has estimated the traffic projections and capacity additions at the Ports upto the year 2020. Based on the estimated growth, it has projected capacity of 3130Million Tonnes by 2019-20.

(c) to (e):Yes, Madam. The steps taken by the Government for capacity expansion of ports are as under:

(i) Upto 100% FDI under the automatic route is allowed for port development projects.

(ii) Income tax incentives are allowed as per Income Tax Act, 1961.

(iii) Bidding documents like RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement have been standardized.

(iv) Enhanced delegation of financial powers to Shipping Ministry to accord investment approval for PPP projects.

(v) Streamlining of security clearance procedures.

(vi) Close monitoring of developmental projects in the Major Ports.

In order to utilize the potential of Ganga, a World Bank assisted "Jal Marg Vikas Project" for capacity augmentation for navigation between Allahabad- Haldia has been initiated. The detail of other capacity augmentation projects is at ANNEXURE.